

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Edina Heritage Preservation Board
Edina Historical Society - Arneson Acres
Tuesday, June 10, 2014
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Answering roll call was Vice Chair Weber and Members Moore, Sussman, O'Brien, Christiaansen, and McLellan. Absent were Members Birdman, Mellom, McDermott, Brandt and Johnson. Staff present was Senior Planner, Joyce Repya. Preservation Consultant Robert Vogel was also in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Planner Repya asked that a revision to the plans approved on February 11, 2014 for COA H-14-1 is added to the agenda under item # VI. Reports & Recommendations. Member Moore moved approval of the meeting agenda to include the item requested by Planner Repya. Member Christiaansen seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES **May 13, 2014**

Member Sussman asked for his comments on the COA request for 4601 Browndale Avenue reflect his observation that "The **proposed** stone surrounding the front entry is not unique in the district - on a drive thru, at least 15 homes with similar stonework were identified". Member Moore moved approval of the May 13, 2014 minutes including Member Sussman's request for clarification of his comments. Member McLellan seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT – None

VI. REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A. H-14-1 4612 Arden Avenue - **REVISED front entry overhang**

Planner Repya reminded the board that at the February 11th meeting a COA was approved for 4621 Arden Avenue (H-14-1). The plans included the conversion of an attached garage in the rear yard to living space and the construction of a new detached garage; as well as the addition of a small front entry overhang supported by brackets that extended 3'3" from the front building wall of the home. Ms. Repya explained that this afternoon the applicant submitted plans for a revision to the front entry overhang. The revised plans demonstrate an increase to the depth of the overhang by 6" bringing the new depth to 3'9" removing the supporting brackets; and adding two 10" paneled posts; and lastly, adding an ellipse to the front arch of the overhang. Staff finds that the

changes are in keeping with the Colonial Revival architectural design of the home and would recommend approval of the requested revisions subject to the plans presented dated June 11, 2014.

Member Comments:

Members McLellan, Christiaansen, and Sussman commented that the revisions proposed for the front entry overhang are complimentary to the house and an enhancement to the plans originally presented.

Motion: Member Sussman moved for approval of the proposed revisions to the front entry overhang for COA H-14-1, 4612 Arden Avenue, subject to the plans dated June 11, 2014. Member Christiaansen seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Explore the History of Your Home : No report at this time

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS - None

IX. CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Moore reported that the 2014 Heritage Award presentation to Brian and Linda Tell, owners of the Arthur Erickson house, 5501 Londonderry Road was well received by the City Council and Community at large. The award has created a considerable amount of buzz about the property, with the Tell's commenting that friends are coming out of the woodwork asking for a tour of their home. Mr. Moore added that Channel 16 did a lovely piece on the award for the "Agenda Edina" program, and a story about the home will be included in the summer issue of "About Town".

X. STAFF COMMENTS

Planner Repya reminded the board that she and Consultant Vogel visited Marri Oskam, the owner of 6901 Dakota Trail regarding the potential for designating her home a heritage landmark. Designed by one of the first female architects in Minnesota, Lisle Close, this Contemporary style home was built in 1963 on the banks of Indianhead Lake, and is truly a treasure. In addition to Mrs. Oskam, the owner of the architectural firm Close and Associates Gar Hargens, and Larry Millett, a local preservationist were included in the meeting. Ms. Repya reported that she provided information about the heritage landmark designation process, and invited Mrs. Oskam to submit a written request to explore the potential landmark designation of her home. Mr. Hargens also agreed to provide archive information relative to the home that

he may have in his company files. The board was enthusiastic about the potential for considering a landmark designation of Mrs. Oskam's home, and thanked Ms. Repya for the report.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE July 8, 2014 - Summer Tour

Planner reported that the annual summer tour is planned for the regular July 8th meeting. This year, the Savory Gardens neighborhood which includes a large concentration of mid-century Lundgren homes has been chosen. Member Christiaansen lives in the neighborhood - her home was built by Lundgren, and she has generously offered to help plan the tour. Member O'Brien asked if it would be possible to start the tour prior to 7:00 p.m. Ms. Repya responded that typically the board likes to meet earlier on the tour nights to take advantage of as much daylight as possible. She added that the change in the meeting time and place needs to be posted for the public. Board members agreed that meeting at 6:00 p.m. would be a good idea.

Ms. Repya pointed out that currently, it appears that there will be 2 COA applications to consider in July; and since the tour will take the entire meeting, she recommended that the official business of the board be moved to a special meeting on an alternate date. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Ms. Repya would tally the board regarding their availability for July 9th, 10th, 16th, or 17th; and will schedule the special meeting on the date that works for the majority of the board.

XII. ADJOURNMENT 7:20 p.m.

Member Moore moved for adjournment at 7:20 p.m. Member McLellan seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Following the adjournment of the official meeting, the board was privileged to have a guided tour of the "Edina on the Map" exhibit led by Edina resident/historian & surveyor Frank Cardarelle, and Historical Society Executive Director, Marci Matson.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Repya